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Assistant Director for Operations

8 April 1955

Acting Chief, FBID

Progress Report for March 1955

OPERATIONS

1. The Eighth meeting of the FBIS-BBC Monitoring Services Coordinating Committee was held in the office of the AD/O on 16 March 1955. Mr. E. Tange Lean, Assistant Director of External Broadcasting, and Mr. John T. Campbell, Head, BBC Monitoring Service, represented the BBC. Details are covered in the official record.

2. Rand Corporation's revised report on OO propaganda analysis activities, comprising its operational conclusions and recommendations, was referred to the Divisions for concurrence prior to forwarding to the West Coast for reproduction. A second report which examines the function of propaganda analysis in the political intelligence field is being discussed in draft.

3. Comprehensive Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month on FBID initiative (a) examined the respective bases of power in the Malenkov-Khrushchev struggle and (b) described world radio reaction to the release of the Yalta papers. A number of reports prepared on special request included one for the Director reviewing Soviet propaganda on exchanges of delegations with the United States.

4. Extensive coverage of Soviet Republican Supreme Soviet sessions was published in Daily Reports during March and is continuing in April. Supreme Soviet sessions from the Tadzhik, Byelorussian, Moldavian, Kazakh, and Ukrainian Republics were covered.

5. Items monitored from Soviet and East European broadcasts mentioning the Matusov case were transmitted to the Senate Internal Security Committee through the Agency Legislative Counsel.

6. Distribution was made of the FBIS compilation of the Free Greece Radio's "Fighter's Seminar" broadcasts of 1954.

7. Evaluations of Baltic area material by major intelligence offices and USIA indicated sufficient consumer support to justify this monitoring activity and representations were therefore made to the BBC to continue its Stockholm project. BBC also reported a strong British demand for this activity.

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8. The Caribbean Command concurred in the FBIS proposal to survey military locations in Puerto Rico for a Latin-American FBIS cruising post. [REDACTED], Chief, Broadcast Information Section, will make the survey.

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9. Experimental monitoring of Byelorussian regional broadcasts was undertaken by the German Bureau, to supplement Cyprus and Stockholm coverage, and to indicate potentialities of West Germany in monitoring Soviet regional broadcasts.

10. The investigation of locations in Bangkok for emergency Southeast Asian coverage by [REDACTED] achieved favorable results from a monitoring point of view. No serious obstacles to the establishment of a small FBIS monitoring station at a suitable site are envisaged.

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11. Air Technical Intelligence Center provided a film strip and sound recordings made in Moscow of Marshal Zhukov's 22 February Army-Navy Day speech, which was televised but not broadcast nor otherwise published in full. The speech was translated and disseminated as an FBIS Radio Propaganda Report, and the film was turned over to OCD for custody. A number of clear pictures were obtained. Contact by the Chief Engineer, FBID, with RCA revealed that equipment for simultaneous recording of pictures and sound from television broadcasts has been developed in the laboratory, but is not yet practicable nor economical for routine use.

12. A series of reports from the Mediterranean Bureau concerning unusual static interference appear to bear some correlation with the nuclear tests conducted during the month in Nevada. A series of special observations and recordings have been made and a report of pertinent information is under preparation for OSI to study with scientific skepticism.

FACILITIES

13. Okinawa construction:

a. Housing construction under project DD/I-156-54 is 85 per cent complete. Two houses have already been accepted from the contractor.

b. A contract was awarded on 30 March 1955 for housing construction under project DD/I-172-55 in the amount of \$169,870.00, exclusive of contingency of \$23,660.00 withheld by the Okinawa Engineer District. The successful bidder was Consolidated Contractors, a combine of two American companies.

c. The storage quonset building at Bolo Point is 60 per cent completed.

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ADMINISTRATION

14. Because of an outbreak of violence in Cyprus, the Mediterranean Bureau was authorized to increase the station guard. There has been no violence in Kyrenia and none directed at Americans.

15. The Chief, FBID, departed on 20 March on a field inspection trip to the West Coast and to all overseas bureaus. He was accompanied to the West Coast Bureau by Mr. John T. Campbell, Head, BBC Monitoring Service.

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16. [redacted], Chief Engineer, FBID, [redacted] Chief Engineer, East Coast Bureau, and [redacted] Engineer, ECB, attended the Institute of Radio Engineers 1955 National Convention in New York City during the period 21-24 March. Their attendance was worthwhile from the standpoint of orientation in late developments and trends in the electronics industry.

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17. Personnel:

a. The London Bureau table of organization was increased by two native teletype operator positions.

b. During March four employees entered on duty and five resigned or transferred. FBID classified on duty strength at the end of March was [redacted] nine under ceiling.

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c. The local wage scale for the Tokyo Bureau was increased by approximately 10 per cent, paralleling similar action by the State Department.

d. Requests for the appointment of two analyst candidates were made to the Office of Personnel as a result of the Radio Propaganda Branch Deputy Chief's recruiting trips to Eastern and Midwestern Universities.

18. Medical support including physical examinations and immunizations for employees and dependents, was established for the West Coast Bureau by the Medical Staff, who will pay for this service.

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Enclosures:

- I. Field Bureau Production
- II. Personnel Services

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I. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, March 1955.
Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	5	5,200*	18*	8*
East Coast Bureau	114	17,800	108	40
Germany	21	13,000*	60*	46*
Hokkaido	15	11,800	110	108
London	284	60,000	130	112
Mediterranean	74	27,400	179	131
Okinawa	95	10,800	110	98
Saigon	21	10,400*	27*	18*
Tokyo	26	9,000*	30*	19*
West Coast	93	<u>31,000</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>91</u>
Totals	748	196,400	919	671

*Includes press scrutiny

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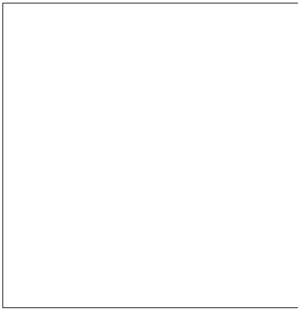
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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	West Coast Bureau	28 February 1955 50X1
	Engineering Staff	13 March 1955
	Editorial Branch	27 March 1955
	Editorial Branch	25 March 1955

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Teleg Typist Opr, GS-3 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typist Opr, GS-4 Editorial Branch	27 February 1955 50X1
	Teleg Typist Opr, GS-3 East Coast Bureau	Teleg Typist Opr, GS-4 East Coast Bureau	27 February 1955
	Brdest Men (Hono) GS-8 West Coast Bureau	Brdest Men (Hono) GS-9 West Coast Bureau	27 March 1955
	Clerk Typist GS-3 Editorial Branch	Clerk Typist GS-4 Editorial Branch	27 March 1955

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4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Cp (Fgn Bcast) GS-7 Editorial Branch	Prog Anal Of, GS-7 Radio Propaganda Branch	27 February 1955 50X1
	Info Cp (Fgn Bcast) GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Info Cp (Fgn Bcast) GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	22 February 1955
	Broadcast Man (Radio) GS-7 West Coast Bureau	Info Cp (Fgn Bcast) GS-7 West Coast Bureau	13 March 1955

5. Transfers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Resident Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Library Asst. GS-3 Lin & Ref Staff	OCB	27 March 1955 50X1

6. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Cp (Fgn Bcast) GS-9 Editorial Branch	11 March 1955 50X1
	Clerk Typist GS-5 Radio Propaganda Branch	10 March 1955
	Clerk, GS-5 Editorial Branch	12 March 1955

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7. Military Branch

<u>From</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<div></div>	Info Sp (Fgn Broadcast) GS-11 Editorial Branch	2 March 1955	50X1

8. OO General Service Program

a. Training Activities

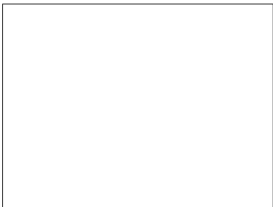
<div></div>	Intermediate Russian, Conversation Seminar March - Continuous	Internal	50X1
	Typing 8 March - 1 April 1955	Internal	
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. March 1955 - March 1957	External	
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. March 1955 - March 1957	External	
	Radio Management 7 - 13 March 1955	Internal	
	Radio Management 7 - 10 March 1955	Internal	11
	Intelligence Writing 7 - 25 March 1955	Internal	
	9th Annual Conference Middle East Institute 4 & 5 March 1955	External	

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8. OO Career Service Program (continued)

a. Training Activities



9th Annual Conference Middle East Institute 4 and 5 March 1955	External
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Cryptographic Training 7 - 11 March 1955	Internal

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9. Foreign Travel

<u>Name of Traveler</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date of Departure and Return</u>
Alan M. Warfield	All FIVE Bureaus	20 March - 21 May 1955

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